# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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MOBILE VAN SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of Metro cities where `Mobile Van Scheme` has been started for payment of telephone bills as on date;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce mobile van service for collection of telephone bills in other parts of the country particularly in rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Mobile Van Scheme, for payment of telephone bills is not in operation in any metro city as on date. It was introduced in Chennai but due to poor public response, it was withdrawn.

(b) & (c) In BSNL, the scheme is operational in some of the Circles and these mobile vans are mainly covering rural areas. There are 23 mobile vans in Punjab, 7 in Kerala, 14 in Andhra Pradesh and the same is under consideration for Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand. In MTNL, there is no such proposal.

(d) The scheme has not been launched in other Circles/areas due to availability of adequate number of collection counters including Banks, Post Offices etc and also due to lack of sufficient public response in some cases.